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State Land Board Accepting Township Energy Impact Grant Requests

The State Land Board encourages townships in oil and gas development areas to apply for grant funds available to address transportation improvements on local roads and infrastructure. Organized townships that have experienced impacts as a direct result of oil and gas activity and traffic are eligible for funds. Applications will be accepted until October 31, 2012 by the Energy Infrastructure and Impact Office, which operates the grant program on behalf of the Land Board.

Grant requests for one-time projects related to building or improving physical assets will receive top-priority consideration. An advisory committee made up of city, county and other local government officials will make recommendations for the allocation of grant funds.

The Land Board, made up of Governor Jack Dalrymple, Secretary of State Al Jaeger, Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem, State Treasurer Kelly Schmidt and Superintendent of Public Instruction Wayne Sanstead, will award energy impact grants in December 2012 for this grant round. Nearly \$125 million of Oil and Gas Development impact grant funds have been approved during the 2011-2013 biennium.

Applications and additional information are available on the North Dakota Energy Impact web site: www.nd.gov/energyimpact .